

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a plurality of multi-periodic, nanometer-scale semiconductor devices formed using the following steps:

- (a) depositing a first masking material on a substrate having a first region at a first level and a second region at a second level higher than the first level;
- (b) etching the first masking material from the substrate to produce a first sidewall extending from the substrate at an intersection of the first and second regions;
- (c) depositing, on the substrate, a second masking material different from the first masking material, the second masking material covering the first and second regions and the first sidewall;
- (d) etching the second masking material from the substrate to produce a second sidewall adjacent to the first sidewall, the first and second sidewalls having pitches on the order of nanometers;
- (e) repeating steps (a)-(d) a predetermined number of times to produce a plurality of adjacent edge-defined, nanometer-pitched sidewalls alternately formed of the first and second masking materials; and
- (f) selectively etching one of the first and second masking materials such that the remaining edge-defined, nanometer-pitched sidewalls form a plurality of nanometer-pitched channels on the substrate, wherein each of the semiconductor devices includes at least some of the adjacent, edge-defined, nanometer-pitched sidewalls that form the nanometer-pitched channels and wherein each of the semiconductor devices includes a plurality of the nanometer-pitched channels.

16. (Currently Amended) A plurality of multi-periodic, nanometer-scale

electromechanical devices formed using the following steps:

- (a) depositing a first masking material on a substrate having a first region at a first level and a second region at a second level higher than the first level;
- (b) etching the first masking material from the substrate to produce a first sidewall extending from the substrate at an intersection of the first and second regions;
- (c) depositing, on the substrate, a second masking material different from the first mask material, the second masking material covering the first and second regions and the first sidewall;
- (d) etching the second masking material from the substrate to produce a second sidewall adjacent to the first sidewall, the first and second sidewalls having pitches on the order of nanometers;
- (e) repeating steps (a)-(d) a predetermined number of times to produce a plurality of adjacent edge-defined, nanometer-pitched sidewalls alternately formed of the first and second masking materials; and
- (f) selectively etching one of the first and second masking materials such that the remaining edge-defined, nanometer-pitched sidewalls form a plurality of nanometer-pitched channels on the substrate, wherein each of the semiconductor devices includes at least some of the adjacent, edge-defined, nanometer-pitched sidewalls that form the nanometer-pitched channels and wherein each of the electromechanical devices includes a plurality of the nanometer-pitched channels.

17-25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) ~~The semiconductor device of claim 25 comprising~~ A semiconductor device formed using the following steps:

- (a) forming a first sidewall of first masking material on a substrate, the first sidewall having nanometer-scale width;
- (b) depositing a second masking material on the substrate, such that the second masking material covers the first sidewall with a first thickness, forms second and third sidewalls on first and second sides of the first

sidewall with a second thickness being less than the first thickness, and covers the substrate in regions adjacent to the second and third sidewalls with the first thickness;

- (c) etching portions of the second and third sidewalls from the substrate such that the first and second sides of the first sidewall form discontinuities in the second masking material;
- (d) removing the first sidewall from the substrate leaving a channel in the second masking material having substantially the same width as the first sidewall;
- (e) etching a channel in the substrate corresponding to the channel in the second masking material, wherein the semiconductor device includes the channel;
- (f) a fourth sidewall of nanometer-scale dimensions formed in the channel;
- (g) fifth and sixth sidewalls of nanometer-scale dimensions on opposite sides of the fourth sidewall to form a mushroom-shaped structure; and
- (h) wherein the mushroom-shaped structure comprises a gate material for a semiconductor device.

27-30. (Cancelled)

31. (Original) The system of claim 15 wherein the multi-periodic, nanometer scale devices include one of: a heterostructure field effect transistor (FET), a heterojunction bipolar junction transistor (BJT), a gallium-nitride-based FET, an indium-gallium-arsenide-based FET, a gallium arsenide FET, an indium-gallium-arsenide-based FET, and a gallium phosphide FET.

32-33. (Cancelled)

34. (Previously Presented) A semiconductor structure having an edge-defined, nanometer-pitched feature, the semiconductor structure comprising:
- (a) a substrate comprising a first layer including a first semiconductor material and a second layer including a second semiconductor material, the first semiconductor material being different from the second semiconductor material; and

- (b) at least one nanometer-pitched channel being formed in a masking material located on the substrate, the nanometer-pitched channel being formed using edge definition lithography.

35-37. (Cancelled)

38. (Previously Presented) The semiconductor structure of claim 34 wherein the channel extends into at least one of the first and second layers.

39. (Previously Presented) A semiconductor structure including at least one micrometer-scale feature and at least one nanometer-scale feature being defined using edge definition lithography, the semiconductor structure comprising:

- (a) a semiconductor substrate;
- (b) at least one micrometer-scale feature being located in or on the semiconductor substrate; and
- (c) at least one nanometer-scale feature being located in or on the micrometer-scale feature, the nanometer-scale feature being defined using edge definition lithography, wherein the micrometer-scale feature comprises a channel formed in the substrate and the nanometer scale feature comprises a sidewall located in the channel.

40. (Cancelled)

41. (Previously Presented) A semiconductor structure including at least one micrometer-scale feature and at least one nanometer-scale feature being defined using edge definition lithography, the semiconductor structure comprising:

- (a) a semiconductor substrate;
- (b) at least one micrometer-scale feature being located in or on the semiconductor substrate; and
- (c) at least one nanometer-scale feature being located in or on the micrometer-scale feature, the nanometer-scale feature being defined using edge definition lithography, wherein the micrometer-scale feature comprises a mesa and the nanometer-scale feature comprises a sidewall located on top of the mesa.

42. (Previously Presented) A semiconductor structure including at least one micrometer-scale feature and at least one nanometer-scale feature being defined using edge definition lithography, the semiconductor structure comprising:
- (a) a semiconductor substrate;
 - (b) at least one micrometer-scale feature being located in or on the semiconductor substrate; and
 - (c) at least one nanometer-scale feature being located in or on the micrometer-scale feature, the nanometer-scale feature being defined using edge definition lithography, wherein the micrometer-scale feature comprises a channel or hole being defined by the substrate and wherein the nanometer-scale feature comprises a channel located in a masking material deposited in the hole.
43. (Previously Presented) A semiconductor structure including at least one micrometer-scale feature and at least one nanometer-scale feature being defined using edge definition lithography, the semiconductor structure comprising:
- (a) a semiconductor substrate;
 - (b) at least one micrometer-scale feature being located in or on the semiconductor substrate; and
 - (c) at least one nanometer-scale feature being located in or on the micrometer-scale feature, the nanometer-scale feature being defined using edge definition lithography, wherein the micrometer-scale feature comprises a mesa located on the substrate and wherein the nanometer-scale feature comprises a channel located in a masking material deposited on the mesa.
44. (Previously Presented) A field effect transistor having an edge-defined gate, the field effect transistor comprising:
- (a) a substrate including a buffer layer of a first semiconductor material and a channel layer of a second semiconductor material, the second

semiconductor material being different from the first semiconductor material; and

- (b) a gate electrode being located on the substrate between the source and drain electrodes, the gate electrode being formed using edge definition lithography and wherein the gate electrode includes a first portion that extends outward from the substrate and a second portion that extends in a direction transverse to the first portion and overhangs the substrate.
- 45. (Original) The field effect transistor of claim 44 wherein the substrate comprises a donor layer comprising a third semiconductor material being different from the first and second semiconductor materials, the donor layer including a channel, wherein the gate electrode is located in the channel.
 - 46. (Original) The field effect transistor of claim 45 wherein the channel extends into the channel layer.
 - 47. (Original) The field effect transistor of claim 44 wherein the channel layer includes a channel and the gate electrode is located in the channel.
 - 48. (Original) The field effect transistor of claim 44 wherein the substrate includes a donor layer adjacent to the channel layer and the gate electrode is located on the donor layer.
 - 49. (Original) The field effect transistor of claim 44 wherein the gate electrode is located on the channel layer.
 - 50. (Previously Presented) A bipolar junction transistor having a nanometer-scaled edge-defined feature, the bipolar junction transistor comprising:
 - (a) a collector layer;
 - (b) a base layer being adjacent to the collector layer; and
 - (c) a nanometer-scale emitter being defined on the base layer using edge definition lithography, wherein the emitter extends outward from the base layer.